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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) An arrangement for the determination of the dynamic axle loads and/or the wheel loads of a wheel vehicle (20), with comprising:

- a measuring device (1) arranged in the wheel vehicle (20) or which can be arranged in the wheel vehicle, ~~in which case~~wherein the said measuring device (1) ~~has been developed in such a way that it can~~ being operable to measure at least two linear accelerations of a wheel vehicle (20) oriented transversally with respect to each other and to measure three rotation rates of a rotation movement or of a component of a rotation movement around a coordinate axis of the wheel vehicle, ~~(20) in each case respectively, in which case~~ the ~~wherein~~ said three coordinate axes extend transversally with respect to each other, and

- an evaluation device (9), ~~which has been connected to and developed coupled~~ with the measuring device (1) and operable to determine at least one axle load and/or one wheel load, ~~is determined by means of~~ the at least two linear accelerations and the three rotation rates ~~with the aid of~~ said evaluation device.

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2. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, in which case wherein the measuring device (1) has acceleration sensors (31, 32, 33) in order to measure the linear accelerations and rotation rate sensors (41, 42, 43) to measure the three rotation rates, in which case the wherein said acceleration sensors (31, 32, 33) and the rotation rate sensors (41, 42, 43) are parts of a prefabricated unit (2) embodied in accordance with equipment engineering so that they can be installed in the wheel vehicle (20).

3. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to claim 1 or 2, in which case the measuring device (1) has been embodied in such a way that is operable to measure the at least two linear accelerations can be measured as linear measured quantities, which do not depend on each other.

4. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to one of the claims 1 to 3, in which case the measuring device (1) has been embodied in such a way that the three coordinate axes extend vertically with respect to each other in pairs.

5. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to one of the claims 1 to 4, in which case, in order to measure the rotation rates and to measure the linear accelerations, the measuring sensors of the measuring device (1) are preferably fitted to a vehicle structure (28) moving relative to a running gear (29) of the motor vehicle.

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6. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to one of the claims 1 to 5, in which case the evaluation device (9) has a computation unit (11), which has been embodied in such a way that is operable to calculate, by using a measured value measured by the measuring device (1) for a linear acceleration oriented transversally to the plane of a vehicle subsurface, (30) at least one part of the axle load and/or a part of the wheel load is calculated.

7. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to one of the claims 1 to 6, in which case the evaluation device (9) has a computation unit (11), which has been embodied in such a way that is operable to calculate, by using the three rotation rates, at least one part of the axle load and/or a part of the wheel load is calculated, which is generated by a rotation movement of the wheel vehicle and/or by a rotation movement of a part of the wheel vehicle.

8. (Currently Amended) An arrangement according to claim 1, wherein Arrangement according to one of the claims 1 to 7, in which case the evaluation device (9) has a computation unit (11), which has been embodied in such a way that is operable to calculate the axle load and/or the wheel load, with due consideration of a, in particular damped, suspension (40, 41, 43) between at least one of the wheels (21, 22, 23, 24) of the wheel vehicle (20) and a vehicle structure (28), the axle load and/or the wheel load is calculated.

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9. (Currently Amended) Method A method for the determination of the dynamic axle loads and/or the wheel loads of a wheel vehicle-(20), ~~in which case~~the method comprising the steps of:

- measuring in the wheel vehicle-(20) at least two linear accelerations of a wheel vehicle-(20) oriented transversally with respect to each other and three rotation rates of a rotation movement or of a component of a rotation movement around a coordinate axis of the wheel vehicle,  
~~respectively-(20) are measured in each case, in which case thewher~~ein said three coordinate axes extend transversally with respect to each, and

- determining at least one axle load and/or one wheel load of the wheel vehicle, by using the at least two linear accelerations and three rotation rates ~~at least one axle load and/or one wheel load of the wheel vehicle (20) is determined.~~

10. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to claim 9, ~~in which case~~wherein the linear accelerations are measured with acceleration sensors (31, 32, 33) and the rotation rates with rotation rate sensors (41, 42, 43) and ~~in which case thewher~~ein said acceleration sensors (31, 32, 33) and the rotation rate sensors (41, 42, 43) are parts of a prefabricated unit-(1) embodied in accordance with equipment engineering so that they can be installed in the wheel vehicle-(20).

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein Method according to claim 9 or 10, in which case the at least two linear accelerations are measured as linear measured quantities, which do not depend on each other.

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12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
~~wherein Method according to one of the claims 9 to 11, in which case~~ the three coordinate axes extend vertically with respect to each other in pairs.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
~~wherein Method according to one of the claims 9 to 12, in which case~~ the rotation rates and the linear accelerations are measured as rotation rates and linear accelerations of a vehicle structure-(28) moving relative to a running gear of the motor vehicle-(29).

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
~~wherein, Method according to one of the claims 9 to 13, in which case~~ by using a measured value measured in the wheel vehicle-(20) for a linear acceleration oriented transversally to the plane of a vehicle subsurface,-(30) at least one part of the axle load and/or a part of the wheel load is calculated.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
~~wherein, Method according to one of the claims 9 to 14, in which case~~ by using the three rotation rates, at least one part of the axle load and/or a part of the wheel load is calculated, which is generated by a rotation movement of the wheel vehicle-(20) and/or by a rotation movement of a part of the wheel vehicle-(20).

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16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
wherein, Method according to one of the claims 9 to 15, in  
which case with due consideration of a, in particular damped,  
suspension (40, 41, 43) between at least one of the wheels  
(21, 22, 23, 24) of the wheel vehicle (20) and a vehicle  
structure (28), the axle load and/or the wheel load is  
calculated.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9,  
further comprising the step of forecasting whether or not a  
wheel of the wheel vehicle or a plurality of wheels of the  
wheel vehicle will lose roadholding and thus the grip to a  
subsurface, Method for predicting a driving situation, in  
which case by using the calculated at least two axle loads  
and/or wheel loads calculated in accordance with the method  
according to one of the claims 9 to 16, it is possible to  
forecast whether or not a wheel (21, 22, 23, 24) of the wheel  
vehicle (20) or a plurality of wheels (21, 22, 23, 24) of the  
wheel vehicle (20) will lose roadholding and thus the grip to  
a subsurface (30).

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18. (NEW) An arrangement for the determination of the dynamic axle loads and/or the wheel loads of a vehicle, comprising:

- a measuring device for measuring:
- at least two linear accelerations of the vehicle oriented transversally with respect to each other, and
- three rotation rates of a rotation movement or of a component of a rotation movement around a coordinate axis of the vehicle, wherein said three coordinate axes extend transversally with respect to each other, and
- an evaluation device coupled with the measuring device for determining at least one axle load and/or one wheel load by the at least two linear accelerations and the three rotation rates.

19. (NEW) An arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the measuring device comprises acceleration sensors for measuring the linear accelerations and rotation rate sensors for measuring the three rotation rates.

20. (NEW) An arrangement according to claim 18, wherein the measuring device is operable to measure the at least two linear accelerations as linear measured quantities, which do not depend on each other.